



**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CARMACKS ON JULY 21st, 2026, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor J. Lachance

Councillors: D. Mitchell T. Wheeler, D. Hansen

Staff: CAO B. Rogers, P. Singh

Regrets: H. Belanger

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor J. Lachance called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. AGENDA: Council reviewed the agenda.

26-14-01 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Micthell motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended. The following amendments were addition:

- **Item 6.5 – Recreation Highlights**
- **Item 6.6 –Public Works Highlights**
- **Item 8.5 – Civic Recognition Coin Program**

CARRIED

3. MINUTES:

3.1 From the regular council meeting on July 7th, 2026

26-14-02 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Letter from Minister of Health & Social Services, Hon. Brad Cathers (Yukon Government) RE: Health Infrastructure in Carmacks (July 15, 2026)

Council reviewed correspondence received from the Minister regarding health infrastructure needs in Yukon communities. Administration advised that the letter acknowledged the number of communities requiring health infrastructure and confirmed that priorities are currently being assessed.



Council discussed the recent visit to the Carmacks Health Centre and agreed that the matter should remain a priority for continued advocacy. It was suggested that the issue be discussed at the upcoming Joint Council Meeting with Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation and that the Government of Yukon be asked to provide its health infrastructure priority list once established.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Activity Reports

Councillor D. Hansen nothing to report.

Councillor T. Wheeler reported receiving positive feedback from residents regarding the community Splash Day. She also advised that she had reassured a resident that the Mayor remained involved in Council business and municipal communications while participating remotely.

Councillor D. Mitchell reported that he continued his regular work and activities with the Carmacks Volunteer Fire Department, including training practices and emergency calls. Council acknowledged positive feedback received from Carmacks Emergency Medical Services regarding the Fire Department's response and assistance with a recent patient transfer.

6.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor J. Lachance reported that he had returned to the community and attended the Splash Day at Merv Tew Park. He noted the successful partnership between the Village and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation and commented positively on the seasonal operation of the community pool.

Mayor Lachance also reported responding to calls with the Carmacks Volunteer Fire Department. He advised that communications and response procedures associated with the Delta One system continue to require improvement; however, the system is working for initial call response and data collection.

Mayor Lachance reminded Council that the community slow-pitch tournament was scheduled for the upcoming weekend and was expected to have a strong number of participating teams.

6.3 CAO Report

CAO Blake Rogers advised that the next Joint Council Meeting with Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation was scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, 2026, at 5:00 PM, with LSCFN hosting. Administration was preparing the agenda for distribution.



Emergency preparedness work continued through discussions with Yukon Emergency Measures Organization. Administration planned to meet with EMO representatives to review the season, communications, and potential participation in Operation Nanook, which was also proposed for discussion at the Joint Council Meeting.

CAO reported that a department manager round-table meeting had been held and that ongoing correspondence with residents continued. He met with representatives from Yukon Parks regarding contractor access to the landfill. The access issue was being addressed through improved scheduling and having Public Works staff available on call when necessary. Administration also continued reviewing the possibility of adding another landfill operating day.

CAO met with the Deputy Minister of Community Services and the Association of Yukon Communities Executive Director. Discussions included barriers preventing Housing Accelerator Fund applicants from accessing financing and the need for improved coordination among financial institutions, CMHC, and government programs. These challenges are affecting several Yukon communities and are expected to be discussed at an upcoming AYC meeting.

Administration held initial discussions with the Yukon Water Board and an environmental consultant regarding renewal of the wastewater treatment plant water licence, which expires at the end of 2028. An in-person meeting with Water Board staff was scheduled to clarify application requirements and potential changes from the Village's existing licence. Recommendations will be brought back to Council following that meeting.

Additional work included meetings concerning Government of Yukon properties, participation in an AYC land-development stakeholder session, continued review of the Council Strategic Plan, alignment of emergency plans with LSCFN, public communications, animal care and control, mortgage and loan policies, landfill scheduling, and advocacy for additional office space in the community.

6.4 Association of Yukon Communities Report

Nothing to report. Council was reminded that the next AYC meeting is scheduled to take place in Mount Lorne in September.

6.5 Recreation Highlights

Administration advised that the community slow-pitch tournament was scheduled for the upcoming weekend and had received approximately eight to nine team registrations, representing one of the strongest participation levels to date.

The community pool is currently scheduled to close for the season on August 15th, although some flexibility may be possible. The Youth Plan Turn-Up event was tentatively scheduled for September 23rd. A more detailed Recreation Report will be provided at the next meeting.



6.6 Public Works Highlights

Administration advised that Public Works operations were proceeding well. Increased inflow had been observed at the wastewater treatment plant while river levels were elevated; however, inflow had been decreasing since the previous Tuesday.

Arena ice installation is tentatively scheduled for September 11th or 12th. Any repairs requiring insurance coverage must wait until the ice is installed so that the condition can be assessed in accordance with the insurer's requirements.

Water samples collected from wells along Willow Grouse Road had been returned with satisfactory results. Public Works also continued ditching, routine maintenance, and seasonal beautification work throughout the Village. Council acknowledged the efforts of Village staff and student workers.

7. Bylaws

None.

8. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Follow-up on landfill access for local contractors

Administration advised that discussions with other Yukon communities had resulted in a workable approach for contractor access to the landfill. Access would be coordinated through scheduled times and an on-call Public Works employee when required.

Administration continued reviewing staffing and scheduling options to add another regular landfill operating day.

8.2 Council Strategic Plan

Council reviewed the fourth draft of the Council Strategic Plan. Administration advised that the latest revisions included updated language regarding the Village's role as a stakeholder in proposed activities that may affect the community, corrections relating to the existing Asset Management Plan and Policy, and an extension of the departmental work-plan implementation timeline from 60 days to 90 days.

The additional time would accommodate seasonal workloads and staff availability, with a staff strategic-planning session anticipated for October. Each department would then prepare a one-page annual work plan identifying strategic actions, deliverables, milestones, required resources, and dependencies on other departments or government partners.

26-14-03 M/S Councillors T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned that the draft Council Strategic Plan be released for public engagement. The draft will be posted on the



Village website, and printed copies will be made available at the Municipal Office for public review and comment.

CARRIED

8.3 List of Outstanding Property Owners

Council reviewed the list of outstanding property tax accounts. Administration advised that several accounts had been paid after the Council package was prepared and that reminder letters had been issued on multiple occasions.

Council discussed the unusually high number of outstanding accounts and noted that several property owners reside outside the territory. Administration also explained that liens cannot be registered against certain properties where title remains with the Government of Yukon under a land agreement until ownership is fully transferred.

8.4 Yukon English Project from Fred Hook (Corpus Research Assistant)

Council reviewed a request from the Yukon English Project to use publicly available Village of Carmacks Council meeting minutes as part of a language research corpus supporting the development of a new dictionary of Canadian English.

Council expressed support for the project and requested that the Village receive follow-up information regarding the research and its findings.

26-14-04 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / T. Wheeler motioned that the Village of Carmacks authorize the Yukon English Project to collect and use publicly available open Council meeting minutes for its language research project.

CARRIED

8.5 Civic Recognition Coin Program

Administration presented the proposed Village of Carmacks Civic Recognition Coin Program and associated supplier quote. The program would recognize individuals who have made meaningful and lasting contributions to the community through a three-tier system consisting of bronze, silver, and gold coins.

The proposed order includes 50 Bronze coins, 25 Silver coins, and 25 Gold coins at an estimated total cost of approximately \$4,000. Bronze coins would recognize community contribution, Silver coins would recognize distinguished service, and Gold coins would recognize lifetime achievement.

Council discussed developing a formal policy and nomination process that would allow Council members and residents to nominate individuals, including volunteers, emergency-service members, Elders, and other community contributors. Each coin



would be individually numbered, and recipients would be recorded publicly to preserve the history of the program.

Council expressed support for antique Bronze and antique Silver finishes and acknowledged the work completed by Administration in developing the program.

26-14-05 M/S Councillors D. Hansen / D. Mitchell motioned that the Village of Carmacks proceed with the purchase of the Civic Recognition Coins as presented. CARRIED

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

10. IN-CAMERA

Motion to move into Closed Meeting in accordance with the Yukon Municipal Act, Section 213 (3) (a) if in the case of a council, the council decides during the meeting to meet as a council committee to discuss a matter.

26-14-06 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned to go in-camera at 7:35 PM.

CARRIED

26-14-07 M/S Councillor T. Wheeler / D. Hansen motioned to go out of in-camera session at 8:11 PM.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-14-08 M/S Councillor D. Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Mayor J. Lachance

Municipal Clerk Parminder Singh

